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Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for response to the Office Action dated January 14, 2004, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for reply, 3 month(s) to July 14, 2004.

The period for response has previously been extended to

Please charge our deposit account **50-3077** the requisite fees for this petition. Also, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, necessary to maintain pendancy of this application to the same deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

By:

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